



Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs

Building partnerships to enhance intergovernmental relations, social and economic prosperity for the 22 Indian Tribes/Nations of Arizona

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ACIA's MONTHLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE GOVERNMENT AND ARIZONA INDIAN COUNTRY

First Nations Development Institute to be Title Sponsor for 28th Annual Arizona Indian Town Hall on July 14, 15, & 16 in Carefree, AZ

The Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs is pleased to announce First Nations Development Institute as the Title Sponsor for the 2008 Arizona Indian Town Hall.

Founded in 1980, First Nations Development Institute is a national non-profit organization based out of Longmont, CO, that focuses on empowering Indian communities by encouraging the local control of assets, building individual and tribal capacity and supporting cultural values. Their mission relies upon a three-pronged strategy of educating grassroots practitioners, advocating systemic change, and capitalizing Indian communities; First Nations Development Institute actively works to restore Native control and culturally compatible stewardship of the assets they own - be they land, human potential, cultural heritage, or natural resources - and to establish new assets for ensuring the long-term vitality of Native communities.

It's a great win-win opportunity for both organizations," said Kenneth G. Poocha, ACIA Executive Director, "our topic of protecting land and water is a good fit for First Nations Development Institute as much of the work they do supports this initiative in a variety of different ways." First Nations Development Institute's title sponsorship is the first ever for the 28 year old Arizona Indian Town Hall.

With the incredible growth of Arizona, both today and projected, protecting land and water was chosen as this year's Arizona Indian Town Hall topic and is on the minds of many Arizona tribal leaders. In a recent population projection study, the [Maricopa Association of Governments \(MAG\)](#) determined that in 2005 Arizona's population was 6 million, but by 2050, they project that Arizona's population will top 16 million! How will this growth affect tribal communities? Is this an opportunity or a threat to the survival of Arizona's tribes? What should our response be?

Please visit our Website at: www.azcia.gov to register online. We now accept credit cards when you register online. While you are there why not purchase one of our Arizona Tribal/Urban Indian Community Resource Directory's too!

Please note, sponsorship and vendor booths are available. Contact Lorie Wells at lorie.wells@azcia.gov for more information!

This year should be our biggest event yet. Because of the anticipated size of the event, we'll be at the beautiful Carefree Resort in Carefree, AZ.

SPECIAL!!!

2007-2008 Arizona Tribal/Urban Indian Community Resource Directory at the reduced rate of **\$10** (previously \$15)

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Tribal ID Cards Now Recognized as Legitimate Documents for Flights and Border Crossing

On April 28th the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration announced on April 28 it will officially accept Tribal government photo ID cards as identification for domestic flights.

TSA announced a series of improvements in its aviation security and traveler screening system to strengthen security and streamline procedures for travelers. Included in these announced improvements, is a new list of acceptable forms of identification, which includes 'Native American Tribal Photo ID' and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Cards as one of the documents that will be accepted at TSA airport checkpoints in the United States.

The National Congress of American Indians Homeland Security Working Group has been actively working to ensure Tribal ID cards receive the same respect accorded to all governmental identification. The Group was also successful in obtaining approval of Tribal ID cards for international land border crossings earlier this year. For more information visit www.ncai.org

Spotlight on Tribal Liaisons: Bonnie Talakte, MA, Statewide Director of the *Native American Dropout Prevention Initiative*

Bonnie Talakte, enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe, is the Statewide Director of the Native American Dropout Prevention Initiative (NADPI) at the Arizona State Department of Education (ADE). The NADPI is a federally funded three-year grant project designed to address high dropout rates, low completion rates and low attendance rates among American Indian high school students in Arizona. A career long Educator, Bonnie's work has focused on student support services, students-at-risk and student leadership.

Prior to assuming the Director's position at ADE, Bonnie was the Director of the Arizona Teacher Excellence Plan (AzTEP) in Governor Janet Napolitano's office. She served as the Dean of Student Services at Central Arizona College, Director of Indian Student Services at Scottsdale Community College, Director of Student Outreach at UCLA, Elementary School Principal in the San Francisco Bay Area and Art Teacher in Flagstaff Unified School District.



Calendar of Events

22nd Annual Red Earth Festival
June 6-8, 2008 - Oklahoma City, OK

Dzilh-Na-O-Dith-Hle
June 7, 2008 - Bloomfield, NM

3rd Annual Traditional Wacipi
June 7, 2008 - Flagstaff, AZ

Paiute Restoration Gathering
June 13-15, 2008 - Cedar City, UT

Table Mountain Rancheria
June 13-15, 2008 - Friant, CA

11th Annual Powwow in the Pines
June 14-15, 2008 - Hon-dah, AZ

Sky Ute
June 13-15, 2008 - Ignacio, CO

By the Sea
June 14-15, 2008 - Imperial Beach, CA

San Juan Southern Paiute -
June 14-15, 2008 - Hidden Springs, AZ

5th Annual Atsa Butte
June 21-22, 2008 - Whiterock, NM

6th Annual Chee Family
June 21-22, 2008 - Monument Valley, UT

Heber Valley
June 21-22, 2008 - Midway, UT

40th Annual Northern Ute
June 27-29, 2008 - Fort Duchesne, UT

Freedom Days Celebration
June 27-29, 2008 - Farmington, NM

Rainy Dawn
June 27-29, 2008 - Tuba City, AZ

Save the Date Announcements

Tribal Implementation Planning Summit on July 29th-July 31st, 2008. Hosted by the Center for American Indian Economic Development (CAIED). Email Gwen.Cody@nau.edu to register

5th Annual Native American Alzheimer's Conference on September 12, 2008. Hosted by Banner Health. Contact: RoseAnn.Barton@bannerhealth.com

Governor's Rural and Regional Development Conference on September 24-26, 2008. Hosted by the Arizona Department of Commerce and the Arizona Association for Economic Development. Info TBA

3rd Annual Native American Fatherhood Conference on October 27-30th, 2008. Hosted by Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) www.nativeamericanfathers.org